बूथ हैं और इन बूथों के माध्यम से किन-किन मुख्य वस्तुओं की सप्लाई की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन बूथों की संख्या में वृद्धि किए जाने की मांग को देखते हुए उसमें वृद्धि करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कितने और बूथ खोले जाने का विचार है और कब तक ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.सी. सेंका) : (क) इस समय 365 मदर डेयरी बल्क वेंडिंग बूथ कार्य कर रहे हैं । इन बूथों को मुख्यतया दूध बेचने के लिये खोला गया है । लेकिन, मक्खन, बटर-आयल, आदि जैसे अन्य दुग्ध उत्पाद भी इन बूथों पर बेचे जाते हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) इन बूथों की संख्या 365 से बढ़ाकर 400 करने की योजना बनाई गई है । आशा है कि शेष 35 बूथ 1993 तक चालू हो जायेंगे ।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Decontrol of prices of Fertilisers

858. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested Government for complete de-control of prices and ending of subsidy for the fertiliser industry altogether;

(b) if so, whether the commission has made any study of the likely impact on agricultural production;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the suggestions made by the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, what are the results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN): (a) The Planning Commission has not suggested any immediate decontrol of prices and ending of fertiliser subsidy. However, this suggestions has been made in the 8th Plan document as a long term solution to the subsidy problem to be backed by increase in support prices of foodgrains.

(b) The Commission has not made any comprehensive study in this regard.

(c) and (d) The entire gamut of subsidy, pricing, decontrol of fertilisers, etc. is presently under the consideration of a Parliamentary Committee.

Starvation Deaths

859. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared on page 4 of the Times of India (New Delhi) dated 5th June, 1992 under the caption '5 Adivasi children die of starvation'; and

(b) whether Government have ordered any enquiry in the matter if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Shortfall in the Monsoon

860. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: